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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the title of this application with the following rewritten version:

INDOOR UNIT OF AN AIR CONDITIONER AND METHOD ~~OF~~ FOR
MANUFACTURING INDOOR UNIT OF AN AIR CONDITIONER

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title beginning at page 1, line 2 with the following rewritten version:

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Please add the following *new* paragraph on page 1, between lines 3 and 4:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This U.S. National stage application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-307095 filed in Japan on August 29, 2003 the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the heading at page 1, line 17, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8 with the following rewritten version:

Indoor units of air conditioners comprise a heat exchanger, a ventilation fan, and other such structural components, and the units also comprise a casing that constitutes the outward appearance of the indoor unit (~~Patent Document 1~~see Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-89892). The casing can be seen by the occupants and the like because the indoor unit is disposed indoors. Consequently, the casing is often given a color scheme, pattern, or other design. The aesthetics of the indoor unit of the air conditioner can thereby be improved. Such casings then do not merely exhibit simple color schemes or patterns, but sometimes exhibit luminous designs.

Please remove the paragraph beginning at page 1 line 15 as shown below:

~~<Patent Document 1>~~

Please remove the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16 as shown below:

~~Japanese Patent Application Publication No. JP-A 2002-89892 (Fig. 4)~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 31 with the following rewritten version:

An indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in ~~Claim 1~~ comprises a first aspect of the present invention includes a casing and a design layer. At least a specific part of the casing is formed from a transparent material in which luminous grains are admixed. The design layer exhibits a color scheme or a pattern and is provided to the reverse side of the specific part.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 6 with the following rewritten version:

An indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in ~~Claim 2~~ a second aspect of the present invention is the indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in ~~Claim 1~~ the first aspect of the present invention, wherein the specific part is disposed on the front side.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13 with the following rewritten version:

An indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in ~~Claim 3~~ a third aspect of the present invention is the indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in ~~Claim 2~~ the second aspect of the present invention, wherein the front side of the specific part is formed to be substantially flat.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 19 with the following rewritten version:

An indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in ~~Claim 4~~ a fourth aspect of the present invention is the indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in any one ~~claim of Claim 1 through Claim 3~~ of the first through third aspects of the present invention, wherein the casing has a casing main body that is formed from a nontransparent material separately from the specific part.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 30 with the following rewritten version:

An indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in ~~Claim 5~~ a fifth aspect of the present invention is the indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in ~~Claim 1 through Claim 4~~ any one of the first through fourth aspects of the present invention, wherein the design layer exhibits a luminous color scheme.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3 with the following rewritten version:

A method for manufacturing an indoor unit of an air conditioner as recited in ~~Claim 6~~ comprises a sixth aspect of the present invention includes a first step and a second step. In the first step, at least a specific part of a casing is formed from a transparent material in which luminous grains have been admixed. In the second step, a design layer that exhibits a color scheme or a pattern is formed on the reverse side of the specific part.

Please remove the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 25 as shown below:

~~DESCRIPTION OF THE REFERENCE NUMERALS~~

Please remove the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26 as shown below:

- ~~1 — Air conditioner~~
- ~~2 — Indoor unit~~
- ~~4 — Indoor unit casing (casing)~~
- ~~23 — Casing main body~~
- ~~43, 46 — Coating layer (design layer)~~
- ~~45, 48 — Grains~~
- ~~240 — First panel (specific part)~~
- ~~241 — Second panel (specific part)~~
- ~~S14 — Step for molding the first panel (first step)~~
- ~~S15 — Step for coating the first panel (second step)~~
- ~~S16 — Step for molding the second panel (first step)~~
- ~~S17 — Step for coating the second panel (second step)~~

Please replace the heading at page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten version:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please replace the heading at page 13, line 1, with the following rewritten version:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: CLAIMS